To Sussex County Community College,

I am writing to formally file a complaint against my landlord, Shaw, regarding several serious issues that I and my fellow tenants have dealt with. These issues involve exploitative practices, threats, and abusive behavior that have created an extremely hostile distressing and dangerous living environment.

Specifically, I have been coerced into performing unpaid labor under the threat of eviction from Shaw's house. Shaw explicitly stated that refusal to comply with his demands would result in the termination of my lease. This blackmail constitutes a severe violation of my rights and has significantly contributed to an atmosphere of intimidation across all the international students in his house.

Furthermore, many of my fellow tenants, who are foreign nationals, live in a state of constant fear of deportation and legal repercussions. This fear has been exacerbated by Shaw's erratic and aggressive conduct. Due to their legal status, these tenants are reluctant to assert their rights or seek help, fearing that any resistance might lead to deportation or other legal issues. Shaw knows this and is acting with impunity and it seems he targets the students who do not speak English or have little money.

I have also witnessed Shaw's violent behavior, including throwing objects at tenants during our daily meetings. Shaw does not respect our study time or soccer schedule and his aggressive conduct has created a hostile and unsafe environment, further exacerbating the sense of vulnerability.

These experiences reflect a disturbing pattern of abuse and exploitation which seems to be not taken seriously by the college. As foreigners in a country where we have limited understanding and experience, we have been subjected to an environment of fear and intimidation due to Shaw's actions and some of our soccer team has already left back to their home countries which has harmed our soccer team.

Last Tuesday, Shaw came into my room and told me to go outside in a rage, when going outside Shaw came up to my face and yelled causing me to step onto a road in oncoming traffic. I shouted back at him and he said that I was being evicted for "constant disrespect" and that "he was calling the police" to have me arrested and then removed from the soccer team, which is the reason why I am in this country.

I am now in the last semester of my studies and it is incredibly difficult to focus on my work while this is ongoing, I feel like I have been cheated out of an education with this landlord and my experience in the US has been extremely poor.

I am not alone, many of the international students have had the same experience and it has ruined many of the dreams and expectations many of us had when arriving in New Jersey.

Signed Alex Davies